

Garrison University
11th St. & Christy Ave.

St. Louis, Sept. 23^d 1873.
Hon. Wm. Lloyd Garrison.
Boston, Mass.

Honored Sir:

On the 8th of April 1871.
we organized and opened
an Institution of learning
here for Colored people and
in honor of yourself, one
of the truest friends of our
people in this, or any other
country, we named it, the
"Garrison University." We im-
mediately obtained a
Charter, elected a Board
of thirteen Trustees and
have kept it in session
night and day ever since.

We have registered over two
hundred students, about

one third of whom are females; twenty five have prepared to teach and are now engaged in the schools of this State. For lack of facilities we were obliged to send four of our most advanced students to Oberlin College, where they now are.

Two thirds of our income has been contributed by the colored people the remainder by kind hearted business men of the city. We are just entering upon the work of another school year with twice as many applicants, as we can accommodate; with no money in our treasury and an indebtedness of \$600., hanging over us from last year. In my anxiety to continue the good work and if possibly extend our sphere

of usefulness, I am constrained to appeal to you that you may lay our case before a few friends and perhaps they will help us out of our present difficulty. I have labored night and day in this work ever since it was commenced. I have taught twelve hours out of the twenty four and managed the finances besides.

My only recompense has been the consciousness of doing good - and I am perfectly satisfied to continue in the same way.

But the debt of last year is a burden heavier than I can bear, and unless I get outside and I fear I shall sink under its weight.

My first plan was to say nothing to you about our work

until we could invite
you to the dedication of
our first University building.

But the financial condi-
tion of the people has ren-
dered the difficulties greater
than I anticipated.

During the past year we
have received donations from
Joseph Brown - Mayor of the city.
Jas. E. Yeatman - Cash. of Merch's Bk.
Hon. J. F. Smith - late Judge of Circuit Ct.
Hon. E. C. Steward - M. C. 1st Dist.
Hon. Wm. A. Stone - M. C. 2nd ..
Hon. H. D. Blow - late Minister to Brazil -
and about two hundred others
outside of the Colored people.

Trusting that you will interest
yourself in our behalf. I am Dear
Sir - With great respect -

Yours very truly -
J. S. Higgins
President